net total circulation of The Washington (Sunday) during the month of Novem-eas 16, 276, all copies left over and re-d by agents being eliminated. This er, when divided by 4, the number of tys, during November, shows the net ty average for November to have been Entered at the Postoffice at Washington, D. C. as second class matter. MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1911.

It begins to look as though Congressman Suizer were to be inoculated with a small dose of peace virus.

Puppy dogs are cited by Louis D. Brandels as the cause of social unrest. Why overlook Teddy bears?

It's already too late to "shop early." but there is still an obvious sort of wis-dom in shopping before it is too late.

In a Washington address, Victor Berger predicts fifty socialists in Congress. So much for considering one's self a

Bethany Chapel can breathe freely once more. For a rental of \$10 a year, the Government has consented to permit upon which it stands.

The Boy Scouts are in a fever of expectancy over the announcement that Sir Baden-Powell, the biggest Boy Scout of them all, is to be here in February and make them a speech.

Proposed dismissals of census clerks on account of the proposed reduction in the appropriation asked, show how most experienced enumerators cannot always be able to count on a job.

The indications are that the dance to given by the Alexandria Elks on Wednesday evening will be worthy of the reputation of that genial and gen-ings. us body of the Best People On Earth.

The banquet of the Letter Carriers' Association, to be held coincident with that time from their Christmas labors.

Members of the former congregation of the Rev. John Reid Shannon a Episcopa Metropolitan Methodist Church will be glad to learn of his acceptance of a lectureship in the Bos-

ton University School of Theology. When the Columbia Turnverein turns loose on the folk-songs of the Fatherland one wonders where the tintinabulation of a shallow ragtime finds its excuse. In the meantime Prof. Theodore

Henckel argues for more characteristic American songs. The American Association for the Advancement of Science, when it meets in Washington next week, will discuss scientific questions in such a way, we are told, that even the layman can

understand them. Indeed, it is expected that some of the scientists will speak After nearly fourteen years the bodies of sailors lost in the disaster to the Maine will be brought to the United States for burial with full naval honors. Delayed as this duty has been

matter of satisfaction that the re-

cent investigation has removed the last

doubt that the victims of the Maine explosion were martyrs to the times and not to chance or accident. George M. Rommel, chief of the animai husbandry division of the Department of Agriculture, has written a pamphlet on a plan for breeding more light draft horses for the army. since the civil war the supply of horses that would be available for the army in case of war has been diminishing, and should an emergency arise the Government would face a serious problem.

THE LESSON OF "KID" ELBER-FELD'S LEGS.

Mr. Rommel's plan is a logical solution

of the problem, and should be given

serious consideration.

"Kid" Elberfeld, long-time star of the Washington baseball club, has declined an honorable and remunerative offer from Baltimore on the ground

that he is having trouble with his legs. fort of employes in old age. Astute "Kid!" He is a wise man who knows his own legs, and who has the will to stifle the human inclination to believe them still good after they have really gone bad. Legs in has just been adopting similar pension tre by the itch which the interest of the true sense of the word are the plans for its workers. peculiar possession of youth. Afterward they are mere crutches, stilts, precarious underpinning. The boy about to dive presents a leg that has in it the spring, the frozen motion of a bent sapling. A few years later it leader in the establishment of retiremight be the spindled or upholstered ment and pension systems. support of a piece of furniture. Not for nothing did civilization, which aims at pretense, inwent long trousers and long skirts.

Again, he is a wise man who knows pensioning and retirement. It

his own legs for the treacherous com-panions that they are. Who disbe-lieves the things they promise and The Government that prosecutes it ceases to rely on something that has workers.

the chapel to continue using the ground ing meats, butter, and other staples in

own delivering: would come to a central supply depot and get their goods, testimony before the Lorimer investi-

the annual meeting in January will be They wouldn't do it. They didn't. gating committee. livery system, and this immediately lopped off a large part of the apparently possible saving.

It seems to be a piece of the universal experience with American city keep him out of trouble. dwellers. The old days of the triweekly trip to market are over. The relevant or important as the more subtelephone is the medium for ordering; the retailer must deliver. The lady of merely goes to demonstrate the the house finds time to parade F street mania which man has for conwith a chatelaine bag on her arm; but fession and exaggeration even to to go to the market or the co-operative supply depot with a market basket on her arm-pooh! that's quite another thing and quite impossible.

The cost of living is likely to remain high until we are a bit more earnest about bringing it down again. But meanwhile the efforts of such bodies as if they understood these questions as the Civil Service Council, the studies of men like Wiley, the experiments of Mayor Shank in Indianapolis -all these are illuminating and cerbetter condition.

PENSION POLICY.

The American Sugar Refining Comsany officials will submit to the stockholders at their next meeting a plan to inaugurate pensions for employes. The company will provide all the money from earnings, requiring no

contributions from the employes. Employes are retirable at sixty-five years of age, either at their own motion or the company's option. Pensions will run from \$20 per month to \$5,000 a year. The company has about 6,500

Let's see about this. The Sugar trust s widely conceded to have been a bad deaf. It is only when the clap comes lot. It is now under prosecution by from somewhere else that these people

the Government. Yet it is adopting a modern, enlightened system of assuring the con-

That is more than the Government does which is prosecuting it. The Beef trust is bad enough to be

The Government that prosecutes it mouth.

persistently refuses to adopt such humane measures. The Steel Corporation is bad enough to be prosecuted, yet it has been a

The Government that prosecutes is

makes no such move. meeting of the New Hampshire State
The Harvester Company has a highly Grange. The regular business of the makes no such move. organized and efficient system for meeting will be taken up tomorrow

cannot perform. Who knows them for has for years resisted every effort to insurgents against the will. Who induce it to pension its worn-out

ceased to exist. For age creeps upward from the legs, rather than downward from the brain.

The great railroads are rigorously regulated by the Government. Yet ward from the brain.

In giving up baseball "Kid" Elberfeld sion systems for their employes.

proves himself a philosopher. Unlike The Government that is good and

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telephone operator, according to her

enjoyable in a notable degree from the The association had to establish a de- Also, he confided that he was a "bad an." had two notches on his gun displayed a pistol which he was keeping "for the Lorimer crowd," and boasted of the influential friends who would

All of which may or may not be stantive testimony shapes itself. It his own hurt. And strangely enough confidants selected are most without exception strangers in public or quasi-public positions; the very people who, in the necessity of something to gossip about, are most likely to lose no time in repeating with their lips every scrap of interest that goes into their ears. What intimate life stories are not poured over the tables of the manicures! What recitals are the lonely police not retain to help in reaching, some time, a galed with as they walk their beats at galed with as they walk their beats at night! With what utter lack of reserve is the hotel clerk not trusted, and who will write the romance of what the barkeeper spends his days in listening to! Much of all this is, of course, the idle invention, the empty ANOTHER RECRUIT TO THE and who will write the romance of course, the idle invention, the empty boasting, in what is phrased as "hot air." But much of it is solemn, if disgraceful, truth. The man with secrets to hide seems impelled to scatter them abroad with the first girl who smiles, to the first man whose business makes him auditor in ordinary to the public.

It is perhaps as well that these secrets are kept as closely as they miraculously are. Days spent in listening to uninvited intimacies and confessions create an ennui that is almost from somewhere else that these people awake, refurbish their memories and 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Lyceum—"Girls of the 2:15 and 8:15 p. m.

Arcade—Skating, dancing, bowling.

Arcade—Skating, dancing, bowling. taker or giver of a bribe flashing his roll with a knowing wink, the safety of the public and respect for its instiprosecuted by the Government, but it tutions are enforced in the degree they alence irresistibly feels to open its

New Hampshire Farmers Attend Grange Meeting

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 18. Progressive farmers from all sections of the State arrived in Manchester today to take part in the thirty-eighth annual morning, and will conclude with the installation of officers next Thursday.

LETTERS TO THE TIMES MAIL BAG MACYEAGH URGES

Readers of The Times are invited to use this department as their own—to write freely and frankly with the assurance that no letter not objectionable in language will be denied publication. Letters must not hewever, exceed 200 words in length, and must be written only on one side of the paper. Letters must bear the names and addresses of the writers, as evidence of good faith, but the names will not be made public without the consent of the contributors. Address MAIL BAG EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

the Jackson Day committee, the Raleigh, 8p. m.
Concert by the United States Marine Band. United States Marine Barracks, 2 p. m.
Monthly meeting of the East Washington Citizens Association, East Washington Hall, 314 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, 8 p. m.
Meeting of the Takoma Park Citizens' Association, library building, Fifth and Cedar streets, 8 p. m.

Amusements. Belasco—Raising the Maine pictures, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. Academy—'Silver Threads,'' 8:15 p. m. Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. m. mperial—Vaudeville, 2:15 and 8:15 p. asino—Vaudeville, 1:30 to 5 and 7:30

10:30 p. m.
Cosmos Continuous vaudeville.
Gayety—"The Ginger Girls," 2:15 and
8:15 p. m.
Lyceum—"Girls of the Jardin de Pals,"

Concert Today By the U. S. Soldiers' Home Band, Stanley Hall at 3:30 e'Cleck,

JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMANN, Director. PROGRAM.

March, "The Victor" Pryor Overture, "Maritana"............Wallace Habanera, "Mexican Kisses" Roberts Grand Selection from Ballet Ex-Song, "Creole Sue" (request).. Davis Fantasia, "Songs of Germany"

Finale, "Blennerhassett"......Arnold "The Star-Spangled Banner."

paper.

A certain gentleman of this city became addicted to the curse of drink. He went from bad to worse rapidly, and finally absconded with a small sum of entrusted funds, leaving a wife just out of the hospital, four small children and two months' rouse rent due. The owners of the funds, it seems, sought his arrest on the grounds of embezzioment; while the wife sought the same his arrest on the grounds of embessioment; while the wife sought the same, on the ground of non-support; applying at the same time, in dire distress, to the Associated Charities for food and fuel. Under the skillful management of the A. C. \$2.40 for food and fuel represented the entire direct cash outlay. But arrangements were made by which the children received clothing; a message was sent to the owner of the said funds, or his representative, "Not to prosecute." The offending party and his employer were located, and a business agreement was effected without arrest, by which the said employer obligated himself to give the said offender six months' work, and pay all except six months' work, and pay all except \$5.00 per week plus car fare to the wife; a sum estimated at over \$500. To this might possibly be added in-cidental benefits, of both moral and cidental benefits, of both moral and financial nature, of infinitely greater value, such as the restoration of a hus-

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first boatswain's mate on the torpedo boat destroyer Trippe, a plea is made for comfort bags for the men on torpedo boats and destroyers. Such vessels he says are named after men and not cities and States, and in consequence they are forgotten so far as comfort bags are concerned. These useful articles usually are furnished the crew of the big warships by the women's clubs when silver services are presented to such craft. He also states that letters written by mothers to some mother's boy would be greatly appreciated.

Wants Heald's Job.

appreciated.

DOVER, Del., Dec. 18.-Former Secretary of State Joseph L. Cahall, a

Sussex county Republican leader, sas come out as a candidate for Congressman to succeed Mr. Reald. Just how the Sussex Republicans will accept this is not known. Mr. Cahall and Dr. Caleb R. Layton, another Republican leader, have engaged in several bitter controversies.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS

Majer GEORGE Le R. IRWIN, quar-termaster, Habana, Cuba, this city.

Rear Admiral C. J. BADGER, detached as commander, second division, United States Atlantic fleet; to duty as aid for inspections, Navy Depart-ment, Washington, D. C.

Rear Admiral C. McR. WINSLOW, detached Naval War College, Newport, un board Louisiana.
Captain J. E. CRAVEN, detached command New Jersey; continue treatment Naval Hospital, Beston, Mass.
Captain F. W. KELLOGG, detached command Maine; to command New

Jersey. Ensign K. HERON, detached Castine;

to works Moran Brothers Company.
Seattle, Wash.
Assistant Naval Constructor J. REED.
Jr., to navy yard. Philadelphia. Pa.
Chief Gunner D. HEPBURN. detached
Naval Torpedo Station, Newport, R.
I.: to Naval Station, Guantanamo,
Cuba.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

Arrived—Pompey, Decatur, at Shanghai;
Patuxent, Potomac, at Key West;
Mohawk at Norfolk; Utah at Pensacola; Uncas at Manzanillo; St. Louis at San Francisco; California at Hilo;
Piscatauqua at Cavite.
Salled—Glacier from San Francisco for Honolulu; Idaho from Philadelphia for Delaware Breakwater; Arethusa from Charleston for Hampton Roads; South Dakota from Hilo for Honolulu; Nero from Valpairiso for Panama; Cincinnati from Yokohoma for Shanghai.

CARLISLF, Pa. Doc. 18.—Wilham: A. Farner, a prosperous farmer, residing near Newville, obtained a license here and married Miss May Ankabrandt, of Springville. For the past year the Springville, For the Past Year Year Year Year Ye

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to be desirable.

"Some system of retiring allowance is so greatly needed as an aid to economy

"Some system of retiring allowance is so greatly needed as an aid to economy and efficiency that I would be glad to see any system adopted which could be put into effect immediately, for any system could be changed after experience showed its defects."

The work of "straightening out the Customs Service," it is stated, has not been confined to New York, but has spread throughout the country. The report outlines plans for a further experience of the country of the country of the country of the report outlines plans for a further expenization at length.

Declaring the old methods of tariff legislation have thrown on the Treasury "interminable and perpetual amount of interpretation," Mr. MacVeagh declares his department is "deeply interested" in the passage of a new tariff law "not confined to the adoption of specific rates of duty, instead of ad valorem rates."

"The contractor has agreed to construct the new Bureau of Engraving and Printing within seventeen months," the report says, s'But in order to justify this comparatively short period—a period quite new in Government experience—it was necessary to revise some of the Government's methods of construction."

Matters of great scientific interest is contained in the appended report of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Results of investigations relating to

Results of investigations relating to the hookworm, infantile paralysis, ty-phoid fever, analysis of water in vari-ous localities, and the standardization of drugs are given. Special appropri-ations are requested for the investiga-tion of pellagra.

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